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IGIC Meeting Minutes September 22, 2005

Indiana State Library
140 N. Senate Avenue, Room 306
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Introductions

Alex Wernher, IGIC President, called the meeting to order at 1:10. A quorum was achieved. Everyone introduced themselves. Attendees are listed at end of document.

Member Changes

Welcome to David Smoll, who will be taking over from Richard Kemper as the delegate from the Indiana Association of County Surveyors.

Clifford Ong has resigned his position because he has relocated out of state.

The City of Lafayette has eliminated their GIS positions. Their delegate, John Thomas, is no longer with the City. It is not anticipated that he will be replaced on the Board.

The seat formerly appointed by ITOC will be filled by the Lt. Governor's Office. We have notified the Office and are awaiting word on an appointee.

Thanks to all our outgoing members for their hard work on the Board over the years.

Approval of Agenda

After review of the agenda, it was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the July 2005 meeting minutes with correction was seconded and passed.

Financials

Thanks to Brian Berdanier for filling in for Jeff Corns. After review of the financials, there were questions on specific income and budgeted items, after which Mike Machlan moved they be accepted. Becky McKinley seconded and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Orthophotography Update

As of the July Board Meeting, IMAGIS was reviewing tiles from EarthData's delivery of the pilot area. We found a few problems, primarily involving elevation errors and muddy colors. EarthData fixed the colors and processes for elevations. We gave them Notice to Proceed on August 1st.

In mid-August the State signed the contract for QA/QC with Dewberry. On August 22nd Dewberry held a kick-off meeting which went very well.

Each Tuesday Dewberry picks up portable hard drives from EarthData with the latest batch of photos. They currently have 8,200 and are reviewing each tile for errors. So far the error rate has been well under 1.5% - most are shadows and a handful of elevation problems. The geodetic accuracy is excellent! Averaging within 1.5 feet of absolute.

The question of sensitive security areas was raised. IGIC worked with the Department of Homeland Security and identified 22 sites which will be digitally blurred. The areas will be cut out, resampled to 1-meter and reinserted. The blurred data will be included with the other photos for end users. About 5 of the largest areas will be done by EarthData (military and large areas). The remainder will be processed by Dewberry. They will be smaller areas, possibly not even noticeable. Deliveries of the blurred versions will be county by county. Within a couple weeks counties will also get a "for official use only" version with no blurring. Definitions will arrive with the DVDs.

The original delivery schedule was very aggressive. At the current rate all the counties will probably not receive the DVDs by December. The bottleneck is the second review of the elevation model. It gives us a better product but takes more time. Realistically the northern counties can expect delivery in December to January. Worst case scenario, we will still get the imagery done within one year, which was our original goal. The elevation will be closer to January or February, and the color IR in the first quarter.

We have sent a letter to the Governor apprising him of the project status and thanking him for his continued support. We also included copies of the numerous letters of support we have received.

Homeland Security Contract

Our current contract with the Department of Homeland Security runs through the beginning of December. Jill Saligoe-Simmel proposed that, with Board approval, we wrap up early and concentrate on readjusting the focus for the new contract. Jill is working with the Planning Department at HS - specifically Cliff Wojtalewicz and Diane Mack - to determine what they need that IGIC can provide. We are paying particular attention to tasks which further IGIC's overall mission and goals, e.g. data inventory, education and outreach, orthophotography, critical infrastructure, public data, etc. Our goal is to have a new contract in place before the current agreement ends.

Becky McKinley asked if we can tailor the contract to mesh with legislative goals. At this point, however, we are not planning to pursue the creation a GIS office. The support just isn't there.

The Department, as far as we know, is still planning on executing a contract with Purdue University for a survey of data security.

Emergency Operations Center activity was discussed. The EOC hasn't really been activated much since the transition. They have a dearth of local data. The Polis Center contracted with Mitigation to reformat a few counties for use with HAZUS software, but there are no plans for planimetric data. Larry Stout made the point that the NationalMap is happening. He helped his kids decide to evacuate their Houston suburb during Hurricane Rita based on information in contour maps he found online. And it's a small community. The NationalMap **will** become a reality - because of or in spite of our efforts.

Mike Machlan moved that Jill, working with the Executive Committee, finalize a new contract with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Larry Stout seconded and the motion passed.

Grants

FGDC CAP Grant

There were three FGDC CAP grants awarded to Indiana organizations - one to the Northwest Indiana GIS Consortium (congratulations!) and two to IGIC. The first IGIC grant is \$20,000 for business and framework data planning. Work will begin in October. We are also hoping for some help on business development from NSGIC.

The second grant for \$50,000 is in partnership with UITS at Indiana University. We will be purchasing equipment for IU to host the orthophotography. Thanks to Anna Radue at UITS for their support and matching contribution for this grant. It will go far toward making orthos available to the public online. UITS is currently waiting on a letter - requested by UITS' Vice President of Security - from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security verifying that the data is safe for public consumption. We will also be developing an MOU formalizing the responsibilities and roles for the project. Jill Saligoe-Simmel will give a demonstration of the IndianaMap internet services at the November Board Meeting.

Community Development Action Grant

IGIC submitted a grant for \$45,000 to the Economic Development Corporation which would fund limited distribution of the 2005 orthophotography.

Indiana Humanities Council

IGIC will be submitting a proposal for a small grant next week to fund development of the orthophotography pages of the INGISI website. Katherine

O'Connor, formerly of the Governor's Office under Kernan and O'Bannon, now works for the Council and invited our submission.

Library/SBC

IGIC submitted a grant for \$12,000 to fund 2005 orthophotography distribution to libraries. DVDs would be given to all Indiana libraries, along with marketing and education materials on the orthos. Thanks to Cliff Ong for the idea and encouragement on this submission.

Memoranda of Understanding

Indiana State Library

A draft MOU formalizing IGIC's office space arrangement was sent to library staff. The idea has been presented to their Board and met with enthusiasm. They will be voting on the document at their next meeting on October 16th.

Indiana Geological Survey

We will be formalizing our arrangement with IGS for the framework data webmap services.

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

IUPUI Library currently hosts the data library (clearinghouse). We will be developing an MOU to formalize roles and responsibilities for the project.

Census Realignment

The US Census Bureau has decided **not** to use the 2005 orthophotography for the Tiger realignment. Jill Saligoe-Simmel will be discussing this decision, and the rationale behind it, with Census staff at the annual NSGIC conference next week. Working with IBRC and Legislative Services, a (strongly worded) letter has also been drafted and may be sent to the Census Bureau, pending the results of those conversations. It was suggested that we cc: Senator Richard Lugar (and President Bush) as well.

New Business

INGISI Membership

Discussion of formalizing membership in INGISI. The goal is to strengthen our base and fund efforts while not boosting our regular activities beyond our administrative capacity.

We received good response to the online survey asking what benefits and fees people want and expect. Price was no surprise - \$35-\$50. Networking and seminars were most important for individual membership. Corporate members did **not** think booth discounts or newsletter ads were priorities.

After discussion of details, including voting rights, Board membership, roll-out, conference tie-in, pricing and benefits, it was determined a more comprehensive

proposal was required. Timing is important, as the conference committee needs pricing information prior to accepting early registrations, scheduled for November.

David Lewis moved to form a workgroup to develop a detailed proposal for approval at the November Board Meeting. Mike Machlan seconded and the motion passed. Volunteers for the workgroup include: EJ McNaughton (lead), Becky McKinley, Mike Machlan, David Lewis and Jill Saligoe-Simmel.

Cadastral Standards

Larry Stout moved that the revised standard be adopted. Mike Machlan seconded and the motion passed. Many thanks to Betty Keichle and the entire Standards and Recommendations Committee for their months of hard work.

Indiana Data Initiative

A new group has formed to improve the quality of government data and make it more accessible, primarily for economic development and research activities. It was framed as a partnership between Indiana universities and the Governor's Office. Jill Saligoe-Simmel presented at their inaugural 1-day meeting last month. A lot of exposure for GIS. Jill has been invited to be the representative for IGIC on their steering committee. There is no funding available in the short term, but IGIC can benefit from the networking opportunities with Governor's staff.

Annual Report

Larry Stout moved that the report be approved with addition of financials and minor edits. David Lewis seconded and the motion passed.

Katrina Discussion

Discussion of Indiana's contribution to Katrina relief.

Indianapolis Power and Light sent 30-35 people down to a parish near Baton Rouge. They were sleeping on the ground and in their trucks while repairing lines and assisting with relief efforts. People from a church down the road noticed and took them in - fed them and gave them a place to sleep. Jerry King suggested to IPL sending aerial photography with the crews next time.

The Military Department of Indiana has a GIS person in their Joint Operations Center now. Christina McCullough, Jim Stout and others helped provide basic reference maps and coordinates for churches and schools to be used as water and ice stations in Louisiana.

Committee Reports

Conference Committee Budget

EJ McNaughton, as chair of the conference committee, requested 1.) a \$25 presenter's discount be adopted this year, and 2.) \$5,000 allotted to fund a giveaway for each attendee (e.g. pen, lanyard, hat, etc.).

It was determined that the lack of discount has not adversely affected the quality of speakers to date. Plus, vendors and professionals benefit from speaking at conferences (exposure and resume padding). It was suggested that a token gift be given instead.

Pending finalized membership fees, EJ will work up a more detailed budget to present to the Board at the November meeting. In the meantime, Mike Machlan moved that the Board approve a Not to Exceed amount of \$5,000 for giveaways. David Lewis seconded and the motion passed.

Indiana Geological Survey Conference Agreement

Due to changes in IU accounting policies, the following plan is proposed for the conference services provided by IGS:

Separate the financial responsibilities from the registration process. IGS continues to handle registration, attendee database, conference packages, etc. IGIC takes on registration payments, billing and payables.

David Lewis moved that Jill Saligoe-Simmel pursue a contract with IGS. Larry Stout seconded and the motion passed.

4:30 - Meeting Adjourned

Attendees

Board Members

Lisa	Gehlhausen	Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Jerry	King	Indianapolis Power & Light
David	Lewis	IUPUI University Library
Ed	Lutz	Indiana State Department of Health
Michael	Machlan	City of Elkhart
Becky	McKinley	Northwest Indiana GIS Forum
E.J.	McNaughton	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Kent	Park	EarthData International
Anna	Radue	Indiana University
Shaun	Scholer	City of Richmond / Wayne County GIS Interlocal
Fiona	Solkowski	The Nature Conservancy
Jim	Stout	IMAGIS
Larry	Stout	Hamilton County
Bob	Weaver	Hoosier Heartland / IASWCD, Inc.
Alex	Wernher	Allen County

Proxies

Brian	Berdanier	The Schneider Corporation (for Jeff Corns)
Christina	McCullough	Military Department of Indiana (for Jere Riggs)

Guests

Irv	Goldblatt	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Betty	Kiechle	Lake County Surveyor
Steve	Leatherman	WTH Engineering, Inc.

IGIC

Jennifer	Dubeansky	Staff
Jill	Saligoe-Simmel	Executive Director
